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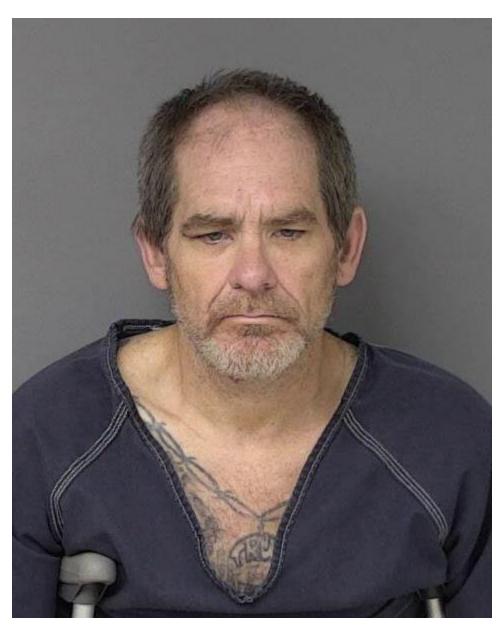


## <u>UPDATE - 51-year-old man sentenced to six years in prison after jury returns guilty</u> <u>verdicts for Domestic Violence and Failure to Comply with the Order or Signal of a Police</u> <u>Officer</u>

Fairborn, OH – Judge Michael A. Buckwalter of the Greene County Common Pleas Court sentenced Joe Eldridge to a total of six years in prison today after Eldridge was found guilty following a jury trial of two counts of Failure to Comply with the Order or Signal of a Police Officer and one count of Domestic Violence. The jury found Eldridge guilty on August 31, 2022.

Judge Buckwalter sentenced Eldridge to the maximum sentence permitted by law, noting that the sentences were necessary to protect the public. Judge Buckwalter stated Eldridge presented a "clear and imminent danger to the public" who has been to prison on seven prior occasions. Buckwalter also imposed a \$15,000.00 fine and suspended Eldridge's driver's license for the rest of his life. Eldridge will be on post-release control supervision for at least one year following his release from prison.

According to Greene County Prosecutor David D. Hayes, "We are grateful to Judge Buckwalter for imposing such a lengthy and, in my view, appropriate sentence. Not every offender should go to prison, but Joe Eldridge certainly should and for as long as possible."



(Joe Eldridge)